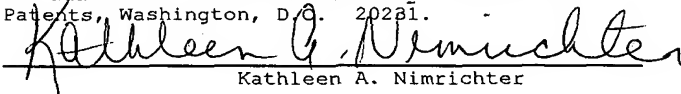


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the applicants provide the following art for consideration by the Examiner.


This information disclosure statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b)(3).

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